

50 AMERICAN ENGINEERS FIGHT WAY BACK FROM GERMAN LINE

between these two points. Franco-British troops are resisting the German thrust with their habitual valiance. The battle is continuing.

"In the Champagne, on the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun front), in Apremont Forest and in the Woivre there was active artillery fighting. During the night the Germans delivered several local attacks in the Apremont Forest, but were repulsed after spirited fighting in which the Germans sustained losses. Two other efforts, in the region of Limey, north-east of Badonviller, also were repulsed. The French took prisoners."

FRENCH TROOPS IN FLANDERS ALSO UNDER HEAVY ATTACK

Big Battle On in the Region of Mont Kemmel—English Front Also Under Gun Fire.

[BRITISH REPORT.]

LONDON, May 27.—The text of the statement issued by the War Office today is as follows:

"Strong hostile attacks, preceded by a bombardment of great intensity, developed early this morning on a wide front against the British and French troops on the line between Rheims and Soissons and against French troops between Loire and Coornzele."

"There was considerable hostile artillery activity yesterday and last night on the British front."

U. S. PATROL DRIVES GERMANS BACK ON LORRAINE FRONT

Defeats a Force Equal to Its Own and the Enemy Leaves Several Dead on the Field.

[AMERICAN REPORT]

WASHINGTON, May 27.—Gen. Pershing's communique for Sunday, issued last night by the War Department, says:

"In the course of patrol encounters our troops drove back the enemy and inflicted a number of casualties. Last night in Lorraine one of our patrols, consisting of an officer and twenty men, gained contact with an enemy patrol of about equal strength, which was supplied with light machine guns and assisted by machine gun fire from its own lines. In the fighting which ensued our patrol drove back the enemy, killing several of them."

The communique for Saturday, delayed in transmission, stated: "Yesterday in Picardy our troops executed a successful silent raid and inflicted on the enemy a number of losses in killed and prisoners. There is nothing else of importance to report."

U. S. TROOPS MAY BE FIGHTING ON THE NEW BATTLE FRONT

Many Have Been Training at Points Along the Line—Blow Takes in Salient That Has Been Quiet.

American troops may be taking part in the new battle. Early in the spring there were several references in news despatches to the presence of Americans at that part of the line. Part of these forces consisted of artillery detachments in training, but at one point, at least, infantrymen were in the trenches. There has been no recent reference to Americans there.

By their attack of today the Germans have extended the active battlefront as far east as Rheims, taking in a new sector which has been quiet since last fall. The thrust between Loire and Voormezele is along the northern leg of the Flanders salient, on a sector measuring about eight miles, where the Germans met with one of the bloodiest defeats of the

war when their drive on the channel ports was halted last month.

The attack between Soissons and Rheims is the distinctive feature of the new German operations. This battle is being fought along the sector which usually is referred to as the Aisne front, owing to the fact that for a long time the line of battle followed the Aisne River. The present battle line runs along the Ailette River, north of the Aisne, over the larger part of this sector, the French having advanced their line. The front of attack is about forty miles, which is about fifteen miles shorter than the line of the original German attack this spring on March 21.

The Forest of Pinon mentioned in the French War Office report is a little to the north of Soissons, which

COLUMN OF U. S. ARTILLERY MOVING TOWARD AMIENS



AMERICAN ARTILLERY NEAR AMIENS FRONT PROCEEDING SLOWLY

KING TO LEAD ITALIAN ARMY IN BATTLE WITH AUSTRIANS

"I Will Accompany You," Says in Message, "Convinced Our Efforts and Those of Allies Will Be Justly Rewarded."

ROME, May 27.—King Victor Emmanuel, in a message delivered to the Italian Army and Navy yesterday, is believed to have declared his intention of accompanying the army in the field when the expected Austrian offensive starts.

"I will accompany you in the forthcoming struggle," said the King, "convinced that our efforts and those of our brave allies will soon be justly rewarded."

The King said the fourth year of the war finds the army and navy more than ever resolved to accomplish their duty toward their country, which is sharing in this battle for the world's liberty.

"The thought of our oppressed brethren in the invaded regions," he added, "will help toward victory."

INTENSE FIGHTING OCCURS ALONG THE ITALIAN FRONT

Heavy Artillery Duels Take Place in Tonale Area and on the Lower Piave River.

[ITALIAN REPORT]

ROME, May 27.—Intense fighting, both by the artillery and by the infantry in local operations, occurred Saturday at several points along the Austro-Italian front, the War Office report shows. The gunfire was particularly strong in the Tonale area and along the Lower Piave. The text of the statement reads:

"The artillery fighting, which was normal along nearly all the front, became particularly intense in the Tonale area and fairly lively on the Lower Piave."

"On the southern slopes of Sasso Rosso, in the Brenta Valley, attacks by hostile patrols, accompanied by violent machine-gun and rifle fire and hand bombing, were repulsed by the fire of our advanced posts and batteries. At Grave di Papadopoli skirmishes between reconnoitering parties took place."

explains the apparent discrepancy with the British report.

In turning to a new sector to strike their blow, the Germans have taken a course contrary to that which has generally been predicted by military commentators in the last few weeks, during the pause in the operations. The view usually expressed has been that the Germans were committed heavily to their campaign in Picardy and Flanders.

Before the March offensive the British line ran to the Oise River, south of St. Quentin. Going to the assistance of the British, the French took over a sector extending to a point east of Amiens. There has been no previous intimation of the presence of British troops on this part of the line except for last night's German official statement. In this statement it was said that in the region of the Aisne, northeast of La Neuville, British were taken prisoner.

The front between Soissons and Rheims is a difficult one, offering the Allies excellent facilities for the defense. The country is hilly, with a series of strong natural positions to the rear of the Allied lines. The Germans already have sustained two severe defeats on this front. Last July they undertook what is usually referred to as the "Crown Prince's offensive," which met with the same fate as all the other military ventures of the heir to the German throne. He carried on the attack for several weeks and met with a costly failure.

Last October the French launched an attack and won a brilliant success, taking 7,500 prisoners the first day. The enemy was driven out of the Aisne Valley and the line was advanced to the Ailette, the Germans losing all the long-disputed ridge of the Chemin-des-Dames.

Burial Casket Plant Burns During Storm.

UTICA, N. Y., May 27.—The Asbestos Burial Casket Company's plant at Lowville was burned to the ground early this morning during a severe electric storm. The loss is estimated at \$75,000.

SINN FEIN EXECUTIVE DENIES ANY DEALINGS WITH THE GERMANS

DUBLIN, May 27.—The Rev. Malachi Macbrannan has given out the following signed statement:

"As a priest and a member of the Sinn Fein Executive for the past year, I give you my word of honor that the Government's official statement that negotiations have been carried on between the Sinn Fein Executive and Germany is a falsehood, and that a German invasion was never discussed by the Sinn Fein Executive Committee."

GERMANY SENDS AIRSHIPS TO TERRIFY BLACK SEA PORT

Trans-Caucasian Government Refuses to Cede City of Novorossiysk to Turkey.

MOSCOW, Tuesday, May 21. (Associated Press).—Apparently for the purpose of terrifying the city German airships have appeared over Novorossiysk and German submarines have entered the harbor. The Trans-Caucasian Government has refused to cede the city to Turkey in accordance with new demands made by Turkey in the peace conference at Baku, which is now being held.

Novorossiysk is 220 miles northwest of Batumi, the Black Sea port. Count von Mirbach, the German ambassador, has advised the Soviet Government that Finland announces her willingness to enter into peace negotiations with Russia.

Germany promises to send manufactured goods to the Ukraine and other occupied territories have not been fulfilled. Unrest is becoming acute throughout the occupied districts over Germany's heavy levy upon the food supply without the exchange of promised cloth, shoes and hardware.

"GO BAREFOOT," PLEA TO ALL IN GERMANY

Young and Old Urged to Be Shoeless Even in Church to Save Fatherland.

AMSTERDAM, May 25 (Associated Press).—Go barefoot this summer and help the fatherland, is the latest patriotic catchword to be placarded in Germany.

"In view of the alarming scarcity of leather, rich and poor alike should dispense with boots and shoes," says an explanation of the placard in the Rheinische Westfälische Zeitung of Essen. The old are urged to set an example for the young.

"Why not walk on your bare feet this summer?" says the Zeitung. "Neither old nor young need be ashamed to walk barefoot anywhere—at home, in the streets, at school or in church."

40 ON RAID SUBPOENA.

All but Ten Caught in Turkish Baths Account for Themselves.

Forty persons subpoenaed early Saturday by Assistant District Attorney Smith, following a raid on two Turkish bath establishments to round up persons without registration cards, appeared at the District Attorney's office today.

All the men except ten were able to give satisfactory replies to the questions of Mr. Smith. Nine men, one of whom Mr. Smith said was a deserter, were taken to the United States Attorney's office, and a tenth, who said he was a Russian by birth, was told to call at the United States Attorney's office.

Chilian Envoy's Body on President's Yacht.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—The body of the late Chilean Ambassador, Santiago Aldunate, was taken to Norfolk today on the President's yacht Mayflower, to be transferred to an American warship, which will carry it to Chile.

BRITISH DECORATE 11 U. S. OFFICERS AND FOUR PRIVATES

Military Cross Awarded for Gallant Work With Carey—Privates Did Fine Work.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE AMERICAN TROOPS WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, Saturday, May 25 (Associated Press).—The British Military Cross has been awarded to eleven American officers and four men.

Most of the officers took part in the defense of the Luce Valley during the great German attack in March, being incorporated in the improvised army of Major Gen. Carey, which held back the Germans for six days after they had broken through the British line in the region of St. Quentin.

The four privates are cited for heroic conduct on the night of Feb. 23. At great risk they removed a burning car of munitions from an ammunition dump and placed it under a standpipe, flooding the car and extinguishing the flames.

Those cited are Col. J. N. Hodges, who commanded the American engineers with Major Gen. Carey; Capt. Henry U. Galtier, Lieut. Daniel Berney, Frank A. Evans, Percy G. E. Hamlin, William A. Jacques, Cornelius T. MacCarthy, Roy R. McHenry, John W. Sherrick, William Augustus Williams and William F. Williams.

Privates Thomas L. Arbuckle, Richard Parkinson Jr., Raymond Gilson Ricketts and Arthur P. Terrell. Col. Hodges had previously been decorated with the Distinguished Service Order.

GERMAN WOMEN ALIENS MUST REGISTER BY JUNE 17

Fingerprints to Be Taken and Five Photographs Without Hats Presented.

Enemy alien women must register June 17, have their fingerprints taken and furnish five photographs without hats or head coverings, according to regulations made public by United States Marshal McCarthy today. Women who are subjects of the Austro-Hungarian Empire are not subject to registration except if they are married to a German.

The registration in New York will be under police supervision, and all enemy alien women are instructed to report to the police station nearest their homes. The fingerprinting process, according to the instructions issued by Marshal McCarthy, is a method of identification and the taking of the fingerprints is not to be deemed an implication that the registrant is not a law-abiding citizen.

DISCOVER PLOT TO ARM GERMANS IN IRELAND

DUBLIN, May 27.—Discovery that part of the Sinn Fein-German plot for releasing hundreds of Austrian and German civilians now interned and for arming them against the British has been made by the British, according to statements of officials today. As a result, deportation of these men began today.

It is declared that the conspirators planned to arm these alien civilians with weapons delivered by German submarines. A military officer and several constables in an automobile, swooped down on the home of Mayor Edwards at Tipperary and arrested his secretary, Miss Burns, an Austrian. They confiscated several papers in her possession and brought her to Dublin.

BELMONT PARK RESULTS.

FIRST RACE—Three-year-olds and up: \$175.25 added; five and one-half furlongs—Sunfish H. (imp.), 118 (Loyke 8 to 1, 3 to 1, 8 to 1, 5 to 1; Abundant (imp.), 107, (Emory) 7 to 2, 7 to 5, 3 to 1, 2 to 1; Sora Tassel (imp.), 118 (McTaggart) 5 to 1, 2 to 1, even, third. Time, 1:04.45. Top of the Morning (Ames), Sharpshooter, Yankee, Witch, Star Master, Cockade, Greek Legend (imp.), Mary Maud (imp.) and Zenith (imp.) also ran.

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Get Into Enemy Positions By Mistake in Darkness—Under Fire of Both Sides.

WITH THE AMERICANS IN PICARDY, May 27 (United Press).—Fifty American engineers who got into the German positions by mistake at night fought their way back to their own lines, with the American and German infantry both firing on them.

Owing to considerable gaps at the front in some places, it is easy to wander beyond the American lines after dark. A motor truck driver, headed through such a gap, drove halfway across No Man's Land before the rattle of machine guns behind him warned him that he had passed the line.

The cannonading on the front has increased somewhat, but it is still quiet compared with a week ago. On the contrary, there is increasing activity in patrolling. Encounters are frequent and American patrols constantly are penetrating the German first line.

The marked effectiveness of the American artillery fire is partially due to excellent work of the American airplane observers. The American flag is now carried daily over the enemy lines, via airplane. Boches show especial hatred for machines carrying this flag and make strenuous efforts to bring them down. So far, they have failed, and five enemy planes have been brought down in the attempt.

The liaison of American and French planes is extremely effective. Americans from Chicago, Indianapolis, Pittsburgh, Washington, Silver City, La., and Oxford, O., are working with crack French flyers.

American aviators recently participated in one of the greatest aerial concentrations in history. Forty bombing and 150 fighting planes, after a rendezvous over Montdidier, carried more than a score of tons of high explosives over the German lines and dumped them on various military objectives. They returned without being molested.

VON HINDENBURG ILL. IS LATEST VERSION

Said to Be Victim of Typhoid Fever, Which Is Spreading in Army.

ST. LOUIS, May 27.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg is in a hospital at Strasbourg suffering from typhoid fever, according to reports from that city. These advices state that the report of von Hindenburg's death is incorrect, but that his condition is said to be critical.

Typhoid fever, according to these reports, is spreading rapidly in the German Army.

GERMAN VESSELS WILL CARRY BELGIAN RELIEF

Kaiser Will Replace Two of Six Dutch Ships Sunk Without Legal Right by Teuton Warships.

AMSTERDAM, May 27.—Two German ships will sail in the near future from the Dutch East Indies to Holland as Belgian relief ships, according to a Rotterdam telegram to the Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant.

The German vessels, the despatch says, have been placed at the disposal of Holland by the German Government to replace two of the six Dutch ships torpedoed in the English Channel, Feb. 22, 1917, when an entire fleet of Dutch merchantmen, supposedly free from submarine depredations, was attacked by a German U boat and all destroyed or badly damaged.

INTERNEED GERMAN SHOT.

Oversteps Dead Line and Is Slain by U. S. Sentry.

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19 NAMES IN NEW LIST OF CASUALTIES FROM PERSHING

Nine Killed in Action, Four Died of Wounds and Three Are Missing.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—The army casualty list to-day contained nineteen names divided as follows: Killed in action, nine; died of wounds, four; died of disease, one; wounded severely, two; missing in action, three.

The following is the summary of Gen. Pershing's losses:

Killed in action..... 9
Died of wounds..... 4
Lost at sea..... 231
Killed by accident..... 261
Gas and other causes..... 74
Killed or prisoner..... 1
Died of disease..... 1,098
Civilians..... 7

Total deaths..... 2,500
Wounded..... 2,565
Captured..... 65
Missing..... 258

Grand total..... 6,361
The latest casualty list is as follows:

KILLED IN ACTION.

Corps. Milton Scarborough, Childs, Md.; Lonnie Simpson, Ready, Ky.

Privates Alexander P. Garrett, Mangum, Okla.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN, East Hampton, N. Y.

James C. Holland, Villa Rica, Ga.; Eugene Blockwell, Oakes, Sparta, Wis.; Frank John Schmidt, Milwaukee, Wis.; Walter Schutman, Ethel, La.; James Wallen, Fairland, Okla.

DIED OF WOUNDS.

Sgt. James E. De Lee, Troy, N. Y.; Wagoner Norris G. Stokes, LaCrosse, Fla.

Privates Earl Symmes, Willow Creek, Cal.; William J. Olaszewski, Manistee, Mich.

DIED OF DISEASE.

Private Menne Otto Witte, Wellsburg, Ia.

WOUNDED SEVERELY.

Privates Arthur O. Anderson, New Rockford, N. D.; Elmer Samuelson, Paso Robles, Cal.

MISSING IN ACTION.

Privates Jerry A. Brown, Columbus, O.; Charles W. Knowlton, Fairfield, Conn.; John B. F. Walters, Gadsden, Ala.

JURY TO GET LUSK CASE BY WEDNESDAY

Counsel for Defense Closes and Arguments Will Begin Late To-Day or To-Morrow.

WACKESHA, Wis., May 27.—Counsel for Grace Lusk closed his case just before noon today. It was expected arguments would begin late to-day or early to-morrow.

The case probably will go to the jury before Wednesday.

A request by the prosecution for an immediate inquiry by the court into the present mental condition of Grace Lusk was refused by Judge Martin Lueck, Judge Lueck said.

"The jury being excluded, I will say that I am not convinced that she was insane at the time," he said.

Four more alienists testified for the defense today. All subscribed to the verdict of insanity.

Dr. David Roberts was recalled to the stand as the first witness in rebuttal. Dr. Roberts denied he had ever told Miss Lusk he would obtain a divorce from his wife or that his relations with Mrs. Lusk were unpleasant.

Miss Lusk was closely guarded today.

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